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# AN ABSTRACT

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Some few of those Barbarous, Cruell  
Massacres and Murthers, of the Protestants,  
and *ENGLISH*, in some parts

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Committed since the 23, of Octob. 1641.

*Together with the Rise of the Rebellion.*

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Out of the Examinations taken upon  
Oath by Persons of Trust, in the begin-  
ning of the REBELLION.

Which Particulars are singled out of a multitude of o-  
thers of like nature. With the persons that acted those  
Murthers, and Massacres, with time, place, and other  
circumstances, are contained in the said  
Examinations, yet extant.

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## Abstract of some few of those Barbarous cruell Massacres and Murthers of the Prote- stants, and English, in some parts of *IRELAND*.

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*In the County of KILKENNY.*

**A**Bout the twentyeth day of *December* One thousand six hundred forty two, the Protestants were Stripped naked at *Kilkenny*, and whereas some of those Stripped people with ropes of straw covered some part of their nakedness, the Rebels set the straw on fire, thereby burning and grievously scorching them: six Soldiers and two boyes having quarter given them, were notwithstanding hanged at *Kilkenny*,

A young Girl Stripped about *Engher* one thousand six hundred forty two in the City of *Kilkenny* by a Butcher: her belly ripped up that her intrails fell out; where the Mayor (upon complaint of the mother) bad, away with her, and dispatch her, whereupon the Mother received seventeen or eighteen wounds, and her other childe was also extremely wounded, and all forced out of the City by men, women and boyes throwing stones and dirt at them; So as the two children died in a ditch. The Aldermen of *Kilkenny* petitioned their Council, That *Philip Purcell* Esquire might be punished for relieving of Protestants.

A woman and two children in the City of *Kilkenny* was by the Inhabitants hured, beated, torn with Dogs, stabbed with speenes, one of her childrens guts being pulled out.

At *Kilkenny* seven English-men hanged, and one Irish-man because hee was taken in their company.

Twelve murdered at *Engher*, one of them (being a woman great with childe) had her belly ripped up, the childe falling out

alive, and a childe of a year and half old hanged, another of them named *Robert Pine* (being twice hanged up) was cast into his grave, where hee sat up saying, *Christ receive my soul*, and so was buried quick.

An old man hanged, afterwards, dragged up and down till his bowels fell out.

*Christopher Morley*, and two *English-voyes* of *Castle Comer* hanged; one other *English-boy* (eight or nine years old) had his head cleft, and before hee was dead hanged on his fathers Tenter-hooks.

About threefcore men, women and children murthered at the *Grange*, many of them buried alive.

*County of Caterlough.*

*Richard Lake* hanged at *Leiglinbridge*, sixteen more hanged near that place, two more murthered near *Caterlagh*, two women hung up by the hair of their heads all night, the next day (being found still alive) they were murthered.

At or near *Leighlin*. bridge, three men with their Wives, and Children murthered. A woman newly delivered of two children, the one of them had his brains beaten out against the stones, and after thrown into the River *Barrow*. One woman and her daughter murthered. About forty English murthered thereabout. Almost all the English about *Gomran*, and *Wells* hanged and murthered.

*County of Kildare.*

*Ralph Heyward* (having turned to Mass) was murthered, his wife and two children hanged, the one at her neck, the other at her girdle, a Dog, and a Cat hanged with them.

*Robert Woods* shot to death.

*John Morley* and his wife and five children, and one *John Pliny* (after they were turned to Mass) murthered.

*County of Dublin.*

About 28. Decem. 1641. The wife of *Ioseph Smithson* Minister, was carryed from *Deane Grange* near *Dublin*, to *Stillorgan* from thence to *Power's court*, and there shee, and her Servant hanged.

At *Balcothery*, *William Rimmer* (a Packet Poast) and *Mr. Pardoe* a Minister murthered, *Mr. Pardoe* being after cast upon a Dunghil had his head eaten with Swine.

A foul murder committed on *Derrick Hubbert* of *Holmes Patrick*, in the County of *Dublin*, Esq; the second of *Decemb.* anno Dom. 1641.

*County of Meath*

Near *Navan*, the son of *James Wignall* murdered about the last of *November*, 1641.

*Mrs. Heiglin*, her daughter, and two children murdered by two men hired thereunto, for two barrels of *Whear*.

Four more hanged, and murdered, at the *Navan*.

*Kings County.*

*Mrs. Jane Addis* of *Kilcomrye* (after their going to *Mass* murdered at her house in *Popes-country*, having a childe not a quarter old, the murderers putting the dead mothers breast into the childes mouth, bad it suck *English Bastard*, and so left it.

*Arthur Scot* murdered at *Disloony* having twenty wounds given him, Another *English-man* hanged at the same place.

*Henry Bigland*, and eleven more hanged and murdered about *Knocknemeis*.

A woman (aged 80 years) stripped naked in frost and snow by two daughters of *Rory Cogblan* of *Fercalward*, before whose door she dyed.

*John Lorcán* murdered and chopt to peeces.

Twenty two *Widowes*, and several others stripped naked, and covering themselves in a house with straw, the *Rebels* lighted straw, and strew amongst them to burn them; and they had been burned, had they not been rescued by others, who turned them out naked in frost and snow, so as many dyed; the children dying in their mothers armes.

*Queens County.*

*John Nicholson* and his *VVife* murdered by *Florence Fitz Patrick* and his servants. *Mrs. Fitz Patrick* blaming the Murderers because they brought not *Mrs. Nicholsons* fat or grease wherewith she might have made candles.

*Tho. Keyes* Esq; a Justice of the Peace of the said County (66 years old) and *Tho. Dubleday* both hanged near *Burrowes Castle*; and *Dubleday* shot as he was hanging; both being first stripped naked, and gored and pricked in several parts of their bodies.

*Amy Manphins* Husband murdered, and shee compelled to

stand in his blood: and she being stripped naked, was drawn by the hair through Thorns, and after sent away.

An *English* Girl half hanged, and buried quick.

Six *English* hanged up by *Florence Pitt Patrick* (after quarter promised) about 23 *January* 1641.

Neer *Kilfeckell* in the *Queens County*, an *English* man with his Wife, and four or five Children hanged, by command of *Sir Morgan Cavenagh*, and *Mr. Robert Harpole*, all afterwards cast into one hole, and buried quick.

*County of Wicklow.*

At *Kewkrath Park* *Edward Snape*, and two others hanged about 20 *Nov.* 1641.

*John* the son of *William Leeson* stript, and hanged at *Bahigary*, about 25 *Nov.* 1641.

A young child (a year and a quarter old) taken from the mothers back, thrown down and trod upon, that it died: the mother and three other children stripped naked, so as the said three children died.

*County west Meath.*

In *Kilbeggan*, a boy and two women hanged; one of them having a sucking child, desired it might be buried with her, knowing it would suffer afterwards, but it was cast out, and starved to death.

*William Sibberpe* (Parish Clerk of *Mullingar*) hanged.

*Edmund Dalton* and *Mr. Moorheads* for murdered.

*County of Galway.*

*Mr. Adam Nowell* and six more hanged, and murdered, by the Lord of *Clanmorris*.

*Hugh Langridge* murdered near *Loughbreagh*, having received 16 wounds, and his son having nine wounds, and left for dead, yet recovered.

*Mr. Corbet* an old Minister had his head cut off by two young Cowheards near *Loughbreagh*.

The son of an *English* man murdered: a child so beaten that it died within three days.

Threescore and five Protestants (some say eighty, some ninety) many of them Ministers (and amongst them the Bishop of *Killalagh*) for the most part all murdered at the Bridge of *Shrew*, very few escaping.

*County*



*County of Longford.*

*Mary Ormelly* murdered in *Longford*, after quarter promised,  
*William Steele* and four others hanged at a Wind-Mill which  
 is near unto *Rackleen*.

The wife of *Henry Mead* hanged, the said *Henry* himself, being  
 placed in a ring amongst the Rebels each stabbing of him, as hee  
 was forced to flee from side, to side; and so continued untill his  
 Shoulder, and Breast were cut in two, with a Bill-hook.

*George Foster* with his Wife and Child, and the Wife of *John  
 Bizell* murdered at *Ballinacor*. One other drowned; Some chil-  
 dren there buried alive.

*County of Roscommon*

Sixteen *English* hanged at *Ballinacorney*.

Nine murdered at *Ballinacorney*, whereof four were children, and  
 one woman great with childe, through whose belly the Rebels  
 thrust their Pikes as shee was hanging, because the childe should  
 not live.

*William Steward* had Collops cut off him being alive, fire-coals  
 put into his mouth, his belly ript up, and his intralls wrapt about  
 his neck, and wrists of his armes.

*County of Sligo.*

Thirty eight Protestants put into the Gaol of *Sligo*, all, except  
 two or three murdered there, the same night, by divers breaking  
 in upon them at midnight.

A Frier, with some Souldiers, undertaking to conduct *Mr.  
 Tho. Walker*, a Minister, his man, and two Gentlewomen from  
*Rosfork* to *Abby Boyle*, the Frier riding away, they fell, into an  
 ambush laid for them, where *Mr. Walker* being on his knees at  
 prayers they cleft his skull to the mouth, killed his man, and stript  
 the women naked, one of the women being afterwards murdered  
 at *Balleemore*.

Thirty five men, women, and children murdered near *Balle-  
 jerry*.

Four murdered in the streets of *Sligo*, and *Isabel Beard*, great  
 with child, pursued by one of the Friers men into the River where  
 he murdered her, the very childes feet appearing through one of  
 the wounds hee gave her.

*Mr. William Ollivant* Clerk stript, and-half hanged, and after  
 dragged

dragged with a rope about his neck at a horse heels up and down, because he would not turn Papist. Another Minister the same time murdered.

At *Ardara* and *Skyrene* about thirty Protestants, men, women, and children murdered.

Ten men, women, and children buried alive near *Titemple*, alias *Temple-house*.

*County of May,*

About seven and twenty persons, besides children drowned in the *Bay* or Harbour near *Killalagh*, by the instigation of the Friars.

Thirty or forty *English* (formerly turned Papists) driven and forced into the Sea near *Killalagh*, and drowned.

A yong boy killed by one that had been his *School-master*, a man wounded, and buried alive, a Minister murdered after he had gone to *Masse*, another hanged near *Balleben*.

At the *Moine* fifty nine Protestants stripped naked, and after barbarously murdered.

*William Gibs* and his wife (both very old) murdered at the *Milne*.

One hundred and twenty men, women and children stript naked, and after murdered at *Bellick*.

About the 20 of *Nov.* 1641, *George Buchanan* having received many wounds, was after buried alive.

About *August* 1643, the wife of *Jahn Gardiner* of the Barroony of *Carragh*, having leave, and two Irish-men for visiting her children at *Bellick*, was by the said Convoy on the way cruelly murdered.

*County of Tipperary,*

Fifteen men and women Protestants were murdered at the City of *Cashel*, and near *Cashel* were three or four children murdered by a Convoy.

Twenty four *English* at the Silver-mines, after they had revolted to *Masse*, murdered.

*County of Leitrim,*

*Mr. William Liffon* and *Mr. Thomas Emberton* Clerks, kept two dayes without meat and drinks then murdered near *Mannor Hamilton*.



An *English* child taken by the heels, and its braines dashed out against a block of Timber.

*County of Clare*

*Christopher Hepdich*, and sixteen more *English* Protestants murdered at, or near the Castle of *Inchicrony*.

*County of Tirone.*

*Robert Bickerdick* and his wife drowned in the *Black-water*, *James Carlile* and his wife also murdered.

*Thomas Carlile* put to death, and so were about fourscore and seventeen more.

*Mr. John Mather*, and *Mr. Blithe*, both Clerks, murdered in, or near *Dungannon*, although *Mr. Blithe* had *Sir Phelim Oneals* protection, and threescore families of the Town of *Dungannon* murdered.

About three hundred murdered in the way to *Colraive*, by direction of *Sir Phelim Oneale* and *Turlogh* his brother.

In and about *Dungannon* were murdered three hundred and sixteen, between *Charlemount* and *Dungannon* above four hundred murdered.

Drowned at the River of *Benbarke*, and the *Black water* two hundred and six.

Thirteen murdered in one morning by *Patrick*, *Mr. Crow* of *Dungannon* and two young Rebels did murder one hundred and forty women and children, the wife of *Brian Kelly* of *Loughgal* murdered five and forty with her own hands.

At a Mill-pond in the Parish of *Killamen*, were drowned in one day three hundred.

Eighteen *Scottish* Infants hanged on *Clothiers* Tent-hooks, and one young fat *Scotchman* murdered, and candles made of his grease. Another *Scotchmans* belly ript up, the end of his small guts tied to a tree, then hee drawn about till his guts were pulled out, that they might try (said they) whether a Dogs or a *Scotchmans* guts were longest.

*County of Ardmagh.*

Protestants in multitudes forced over the Bridge of *Portadown*, whereby at several times there were drowned in the River *Ban*, above one Thousand.

Great numbers of Protestants drowned at *Corbridge* and *Kinnard*.

Mr *Fullerton* Clerk, Mr. *Auberry*, Mr. *Gladwich*, murdered in the way towards *Portadowne*.

Many others murdered, five murdered soon after the beginning of the Rebellion; one hundred and forty, or one hundred and sixty drowned at *Portadowne*, fifty murdered at *Blackwater* Church, twenty drowned near the water of *Callan*, and several others murdered.

Mr. *William Blundel* drawn by the neck in a rope up and down *Blackwater* to confess many, and three weeks after, hee, with his wife, and seven Children drowned; forty four at several times murdered. A wife compelled to hang her own husband, with several other notorious murders.

At *Scarnabridge*, an hundred (some say an hundred and twenty) drowned more, eighty more, sixty more, fifty more, sixty — twenty; seven men murdered.

Twelve murdered, whereof Mr. *Robinson* the Minister, and his wife and three children were part.

Many Protestants put into a thacht house, and there burnt alive.

The Lord *Caulfield* murdered.

Many burned in the Church of *Blackwater*. The wife of *Arnold Taylor* (great with childe) had her belly ript up, then drowned.

*Thomas Mason* buried alive. Seventeen men, women, and children cast into a Bog-pit, many more murdered.

One thousand five hundred in three Parishes, murdered; twenty seven more murdered. Mr. *Cambel* drowned.

Three hundred Protestants stripped naked, and put into the Church of *Loughal*, whereof about an hundred, murdered within the Church, amongst whom *John Gray* was quartered alive, his quarters thrown into the face of *Richard Gray* his father; the said *Richard* was after there murdered, having received seventeen or eighteen wounds, after cut into quarters in his wives presence; such as were not murdered, were turned out a begging amongst the Irish naked, and into the cold; most of which were killed by Irish Cripples, their Truls, and children.

One hundred and fourscore drowned at twice, at the bridge of *Callow*. One hundred (some say two hundred) more drowned in a *Lough* near *Baltinakilmorrog* within two miles of *Loughal*.

*Mr. Gabriel Constable*, and his mother (eighty years old) murdered.

To the number of five hundred forty eight families murdered in the Parish of *Killaman*.

Three men had their brains knocked out with a hatchet within the Church of *Benbarb*; eight women drowned in a River under the same Church. *Christopher Glover* murdered.

By special Command from *Sir Philem Oncile*, Master *James Maxwell* Lieutenant, was dragged out of his bed, (raving in the height of a burning Fever) driven two miles, and murdered; his wife, great with childe stript stark naked and drowned in the black water, the childe half born.

*Mr. Starkey* (above an hundred years old) and his two daughters stripped stark naked; the daughters inforced to support, and lead their father, (hee not being able to go of himself) and having gone three quarters of a mile, were all three drowned in a Turff-pit.

*County of Donegal.*

*William Mac Kenny*, and his mother in law, and his Wife (great with childe) murdered, his said Wife having her belly ripped up, and the childe cut out of the womb.

*Robert Akin* clerk, and thirteen more murdered at *Castledoe*.

Threescore persons that came in boares from *Killalagh* murdered by the *Mac Swines*, and the *O Boilers*.

*County of Down.*

Fourscore forced to go on the Ice, at *Lough Kearne*, till they broke the Ice and were drowned.

Divers murdered at *Castle Island* and *Down*.

*Mr. Tudge* the Minister of the *Newry*, *Lieut. Trevor*, and his wife, and 24 more (some account 50) murdered and cut in peeces at the passe of *Bellinerry*.

A *Scotch-man*, an *English-man*, and a *Welsh-man* imprisoned in the Stocks at *Newcastle*, where they lay without breeches upon raw Hides, that their joynts rotted; insomuch, that when two of them were afterwards hanged, one of their feet fell off by the ankle.

*County of Carlow.*

Many Protestants forced over the bridge of *Belurbet* and there drowned.

*Adam Bailly*, and several others murdered at *Kilkelly*.

*William Rocket* drowned near *Belurbet*.

Several *Scottish* families destroyed, two of the *Hovies*, and *Abraham Jones* murdered, several murders committed at *Butlers Bridge*.

A distracted *English man* run through with a Pike, he laughing the while.

*County of Monaghan.*

Many Protestants hanged at *Carick Magrosse*.

Sixteen Protestants at once hanged at *Clowns*. Several others there also hanged, and sixteen women and children drowned in a Turff-pit.

*Richard Blany Esq;* hanged.

Seven murdered in the *Fewes*, Ensign *Lloyd* and others murdered and one buried quick.

*John Hughes*, and twenty four more murdered.

At *Tully* threescore murdered after quarter given. Eighteen murdered.

Seventeen men, women, and children drowned at *Ballerosse*. Many murdered and four drowned.

Cornet *Clenton* and his Grand-child drowned, and many others murdered.

About thirty murdered in *Farney*, two of them so aged they went upon staves, and another had at least forty wounds.

One *Mac Maghan*, Capt. of *Monaghan* sported himself by thrusting a wooden broach into the fundament of an English man, or Scotch-man, then driving him about the Roome, with a joynt stoole, being much affected at the miserable gestures of the poor party so tormented. The said *Mac Maghan* and his Confederates at a Feast, after dinner had an English man bound before them, and at each health every one gave him a wound, after which they cast him upon a dunghil where languishing hee dyed.

*County*

*County of Fermanagh.*

*Arthur Campin*, and sixteen more with him murdered. At another time 24 murdered. At another time two murdered.

One killed, and fourteen hanged.

Seven hanged at one time, and divers others put to death.

Fourscore men, women, & children, burned & killed in *Liggoole*.

At *Monagb* Castle eight murdered. At *Tullough* Castle four-score murdered, near *Cordiller* three hanged, One more hanged.

Fourteen Protestants hanged.

Fourty Protestants in the Parish of *New Town* murdered. Eighteen murdered.

Thirty murdered in the Parish of *Clanekilly*.

Twelve murdered in *New Town*.

*William Ogden* murdered.

Sixty, (another sayes an hundred) murdered at *Tully*, after quarter given, or promised them.

Fifteen hanged at *Lothers-Town*. Two murdered at *Kinnally*.

The which cruel Rebellion was in projection several years, before it broke forth; and in order thereunto an intercourse of letters and correspondence was settled amongst others between the Earl of *Tirone*, then in *Flanders*, and the Popish Primate of *Armagh* *Rely*, which barbarous design was also fomented by the Recusant party of the Parliament of *Ireland*, who obstructed the sending away several Companies of Papist souldiers, raised for the service of the King of *Spain*, which were kept on Ship-board in the Bay of *Dublin*; And that they might the better know how to put their execrable design in execution, they contrive, on pretence of danger, the searching of the stores: For that purpose it was alledged in the Parliament, that the Earl of *Siraffords* man had cast out threatening words against the Parliament, tending to blow them up, the stores lying under the place where they sat, & amongst those that were appointed on this pretence to search the stores: the Lord *Mac. Guire* was one, who freely gave money to the Officers of the store.

The Parliament being prorogued upon *St. Francis* day, in the beginning of *October*, they met at *Multisarnam* in the County of *West Meath*, being a Convent of *Franciscans*, the Heads of the Romish

Romish Clergy, and many other Lay-men, where amongst other things there it was debated (the time of this bloody Tragedy being agreed upon) what course should be taken with the English and Protestants, about which they were divided.

Some were for Banishment, without attempting on their lives, as the King of *Spain* did the *Moors* out of *Granado* and other parts of his Dominions, to the number of many hundred thousand.

Others were for the cutting off all the English and Protestants, alledging that the instance of the dismissed *Moors* was the sole Act of the King and Queen of *Spain*, contrary to the advice of their Councils : and that if they had been cut off, *Christendome* had not groaned under the miseries it hath suffered by the Piracies of *Argiers*, &c.

Some others of them were for securing their persons, until they should ransom themselves, or be exchanged, in case they should not accomplish their designs without a war, and being in their power they could dispose of them at pleasure. But coming to no result in this matter, every party followed their own resolutions, some killed, others imprisoned, and onely plundered, yet such was their cruelty, that one hundred fifty four thousand men, women, and children, *English* and *Scotch*, were massacred in that Kingdom between the 23. of *October*, 1641. and the first of *March* following, by computation of their Priests that were present, and principal Actors in those Tragedies, and were directed by some chief Rebels of *Ireland*, to take the Computation, lest they should be reported to be more bloody then in truth there was cause.

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